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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO KEATING-EBAN MEETING

1. AUGUST 21 MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN EBAN AND AMBASSADOR KEATING HAS BEEN PROMINENTLY REPORTED BY ALL MAJOR ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS. UNIFORMITY OF ARTICLES BY SUCH COMMENTATORS AS MARGALIT (HAARETZ) AND ESHED (DAVAR) SUGGESTS THAT MFA BACK-GROUNDED REPORTERS ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETING. THIS LATER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF BY MFA SPOKESMAN.

2. ALL REPORTS EMPHASIZE THAT KEY TOPIC DURING MEETING WAS THREATENED CENSURE MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL AT NEXT WEEK'S ICAO CONFERENCE IN ROME. ESHED REPORTED THAT FONMIN EBAN STATED LATEST AIR INCIDENTS WERE RESULT OF INACTIVITY AGAINST ARAB TERRORISM ON PART OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND LACK OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST ARAB GOVERNMENTS THAT ENCOURAGE AND HARBOR TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. ESHED WROTE THAT AMB UNCLASSIFIED

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KEATING PROMISED TO REPORT ISRAEL'S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON

AND REMARKED ON NEED FOR MOVES AGAINST TERROR AND US
DESIRE TO PREVENT ESCALATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST
ISRAEL.

3. MARGALIT (HAARETZ) ADDS THAT ISRAEL APPARENTLY HOPES FOR
US UNDERSTANDING OF ITS POSITION THAT SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED
IN WHICH GOI MUST ACT AGAINST TERROR AND TAKE INITIATIVE IN
FIGHTING IT.

4. JERUSALEM POST AND MAARIV ARTICLES CLOSELY PARALLEL OTHER
REPORTS BUT MAARIV ADDS THAT AMB KEATING ASSURED EBAN
THAT USG WILL ACT TO PREVENT EXTREME RESOLUTIONS IN INTERNA-
TIONAL AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS RESULTING FROM ISRAEL'S AUGUST 10
INTERCEPTION OF MEA AIRLINER.

5. EMBASSY, QUERIED BY NEWSMEN, DECLINED TO COMMENT ON
THE MEETING OTHER THAN THAT IT WAS A COURTESY CALL IN PREPARATION
FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

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